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# WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

**Verify and Edit Pre-Registration Information:** The State added increased functionality to the pre-registration system this week and Virginians can now change or edit their pre-registration information at <a href="waccinate.virginia.gov">waccinate.virginia.gov</a>. It is important that everyone checks that they are pre-registered and verifies all of the information in their profile. There is information that CSHD did not ask in our pre-registration surveys that needs to be added to your record in the State system.

Here are the steps you need to take to verify and edit your information:

- Visit <u>vaccinate.virginia.gov</u> and select 'Verify & Update Your Record.' On the next page, select 'Verify & Update Your Record' again.
- Enter your name and email/phone number. If you are pre-registered an 'Update' button will appear at the bottom of the screen.
- Select 'Update' and you will receive an email or text message that contains a verification link. Click the verification link to be taken to your record and be able to update it.
- Inside your record, you will find the information you provided when you pre-registered. If you pre-registered multiple times, your records have been merged together but the earliest pre-registration date has been kept.
- Check to make sure all of your information is correct and make any changes that are needed. There will
  also be new questions that were not asked when you originally pre-registered via the CSHD REDCap
  survey.
- Click the 'Next' button on the bottom of each screen until you see your reference code again and receive
  a confirmation message that your information has been submitted. If you close the form before that point,
  your changes will not be saved.



**Information for Employers:** We originally asked employers to submit pre-registration information and rosters to our Vaccine Planning team. With the launch of the Virginia pre-registration system, we are asking that all

employers ask their employees to pre-register at <u>vaccinate.virginia.gov</u>. This will help us plan vaccination events for essential workers.

Johnson & Johnson Vaccine: The FDA authorized the emergency use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on February 27th. It is a one dose vaccine that is recommended for people aged 18 years and older. Unlike the Pfizer and Moderna (both mRNA vaccines), the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is an Adenovirus Vector vaccine. This means that it uses a type of virus that can't replicate, but carries information to cells about how to produce the coronavirus spike protein cells, which trains the immune system to fight the virus. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19. It has 66% overall efficacy 14 days after one dose and 85% efficacy against severe disease. It is 100% effective at preventing hospitalization.

Virginia received 69,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccines which will be used for mass vaccination clinics across the state. CSHD will start using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for mass vaccination clinics this week. If someone declines the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, they will remain on the waitlist and will be contacted when there is a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine for them.

Who We Vaccinated This Week: In partnership with our healthcare partners, this week we vaccinated:

- Phase 1a healthcare workers
- Group home staff and residents
- · Assisted living facility staff and residents
- K-12 teachers and staff/daycare workers
- Ages 60+

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Which vaccine is the best vaccine for me?

The best vaccine for you is the first one available. The goal of vaccination is to reduce severe illness and hospitalization. This can only be done if people are vaccinated as soon as a vaccine is available for them. Each available brand of COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to protect against serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.

If you are contacted to schedule an appointment for a vaccine and you do not want the brand of vaccine you are offered, you can choose instead to remain on the waiting list in case another opportunity becomes available with your desired vaccine. There is no guarantee that you will be able to receive the brand of vaccine you want.

# I attended a CSHD clinic for my first dose. How will I receive information about my second dose?

There are three ways to schedule your 2nd dose appointment:

- At your 1st dose clinic, there will be a QR code for you to scan with your smartphone and schedule your 2nd dose appointment.
- If you don't schedule your 2nd dose appointment at your 1st dose clinic, you will receive an email with registration information.
- If you don't have email or are unable to schedule online, you will receive a phone call from our health department staff and they will help schedule you for your 2nd dose appointment.

# What happens if I can't find my name on the State Vaccine Pre-Registration site?

We are aware of some issues with our data being transferred over. First, try looking up your information using different contact information (phone, emails, etc.). If you have multiple emails, try inputting your different emails. If that does not work, try looking yourself up using your phone number(s). Lastly, if you still can't find your name, email <a href="mailto:cshdinfo@vdh.virginia.gov">cshdinfo@vdh.virginia.gov</a> and they can confirm that you completed one of the CSHD pre-registration survey and are on the waitlist. They will submit your information to the data transfer team. If they cannot find your information, you will need to submit a pre-registration survey at <a href="mailto:vaccinate.virginia.gov">vaccinate.virginia.gov</a>.

# **ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE WHILE YOU WAIT**

If you are not sure which phase you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, please fill out the <a href="https://documents.com/documents/bull-19">https://documents/bull-19</a> Eligibility Tool.

### Statewide Vaccine Pre-Registration System:

All Virginias can pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine at<u>vaccinate.virginia.gov</u> OR by calling the Virginia COVID-19 Vaccine information Center at **1-877-VAX-IN-VA** (**1-877-829-4682**).

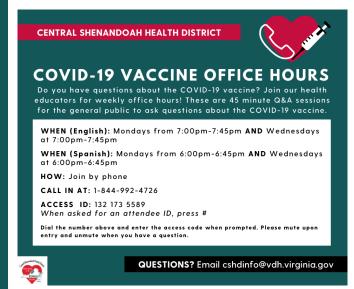




**Schedule a Vaccine Information Session for your employees:** If your employees would like more information about the COVID-19 vaccine you can schedule an information session with our health education team. If you are interested in scheduling a session, please submit the form linked <u>here</u>.

# Everyone should:

- Talk to your doctor. Ask your doctor if they plan to provide the COVID-19 vaccine and if you have any
  concerns about allergies.
- Follow us on Facebook. We will post important COVID-19 vaccine updates on our Facebook page.
- Bookmark our website. We also post updates on our website, including any press releases we issue.
- Attend our twice weekly office hours. Our health education team hosts office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We have Spanish speaking health educators available on every Monday and Wednesday from 6:00pm-6:45pm.





# **VACCINATION NUMBERS**

We are publishing daily and weekly data on the number of vaccines we administered and the populations we vaccinated. The daily vaccine numbers can be found on our website and Facebook page.

These numbers only reflect COVID-19 vaccinations performed by the Central Shenandoah Health District and are

not a reflection of total COVID-19 vaccines given within the health district and are approximate as of date received. For total COVID-19 vaccine distribution numbers, please visit the VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard. The snap shot for last week is below and can also be found on our website.

Note on weekly total: CSHD plans our clinics week to week, with vaccines earmarked for specific clinics and populations. Sometimes, not all of our vaccines are used in a week, but our goal is to get it out into arms as fast as possible, therefore we make sure to use those leftover doses in clinics the following week and increase the vaccination capacity for that week. Furthermore, CSHD worked with the Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 to gain access to vaccines that may have not been earmarked for immediate use in community vaccination efforts. The common mission of all partners working on vaccine response is to get vaccines out to priority groups as quickly as possible.







### Vaccine Planning Considerations:

- It is important to take the following into considerati vaccine distribution efforts:
- The distribution of vaccine from the federal government to Virginia has been limited, which has affected the ability of local health departments and community partners to obtain vaccine to offer to priority groups.
- We expect vaccine availability to be limited over the next few months
- CSHD is working with our local healthcare partners to increase our community capacity to vaccinate individuals in Phase 1b.

# Planned Vaccination Efforts This Week:

### PHASE 1A:

- · 2nd Doses

# PHASE IR:

- Homeless shelters

# Planned Vaccination Efforts Next Week:

#### PHASE 1A:



even after you get vaccinated!



# Total COVID-19 Vaccines Given by CSHD 23.560 \*as of 2/27/2021

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Date	Daily Number of COVID-19 Vaccines Distributed by CSHD
Tues, Feb 23	1,440
Wed, Feb 24	1,840
Thurs, Feb 25	1,420
Fri, Feb 26	1,670
Sat, Feb 27	1,350
Weekly Total	7,720

#### Central Shenandoah Health District:

- Our district comprises of 5 counties and 5 cities: Rockingham, Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath & Highland Counties Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Lexington, Buena Vista Cities
- . Due to the differences in populations and resources in the five counties and five cities that make up the district, some areas may move into the different vaccination phases faster than others. We should also expect overlap in the phases as we work through the vaccination process.

The COVID-19 vaccine is here, but we still need to focus on flattening the curve.

Watch your distance | Wash your hands | Wear a mask



If you haven't already, click here to sign up for our COVID-19 newsletter!

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